

## Understand the Signs

The following signs are in place to help you understand Refuge boundaries as well as activities that are allowed and not allowed in certain areas of the Refuge.

### National Wildlife Refuge Boundary

Marks the boundaries of National Wildlife Refuges. You may enter the area only on designated access routes.

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These signs let you know you are entering a National Wildlife Refuge.

### Area Beyond This Sign Closed

This area is closed to all entry. No hunting is permitted. No roads or trails are open to the public.

### Research Natural Area

Area behind these signs are closed to all access October 1 – March 31. The RNA is closed year round to all consumptive uses, including hunting, fishing, and shellfishing.

### No Hunting Zone

These signs are used to inform the public that no hunting is allowed beyond these signs.

### Waterfowl Hunting Only

Area behind these signs are open to waterfowl hunting.

**Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge**  
100 Brown Farm Road  
Olympia, WA 98327  
360/753 9467  
<http://www.fws.gov/nisqually/>

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
<http://www.fws.gov>  
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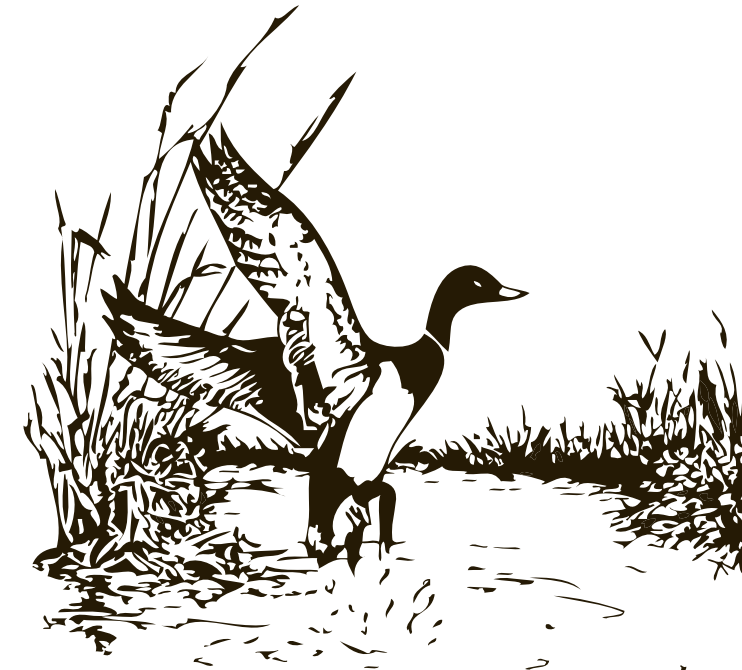
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# Nisqually

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Waterfowl hunting is permitted in designated areas on the Nisqually Delta and on Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge during the fall and winter hunt season.

## Where You Can Hunt

**Federal Lands** – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service owns and manages about 3000 acres of the Nisqually Delta as Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. 190 acres of the Refuge are open to waterfowl hunting.

**State Lands** – The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife owns and manages three parcels of land within the approved Refuge boundary which are open to waterfowl hunting.

## Where You Can't Hunt

Portions of the Refuge are closed to waterfowl hunting including the Research Natural Area and Sanctuary Area. Tribal lands east of the Nisqually River are not open to public hunting. Watch for “No Hunting” or “Area Closed” signs.

## Access to Refuge Hunting Areas

Access is by boat. Luhr Beach is the closest boat ramp to the hunt areas.

## Regulations

Shot must be U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved non-toxic shot. All Washington State hunting regulations are in effect. There is a 25 shell limit. Check Washington State Regulations for current year information. Call the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife at (360) 902-2200 or the Refuge at (360) 753-9467 for complete information on hunting regulations.

## Retrieving Birds

You may not enter closed areas to retrieve dead or crippled birds.

### 2014-2015 Hunt Dates

- *Geese*: Oct. 11 – 23 & Nov. 1 – Jan. 25, 2015
- *Ducks*: Oct. 11 – 15 & Oct. 18 – Jan. 25, 2015 except scaup season closed Oct. 11-13, 2014.

